

RESOLUTION NO. 15
SERIES 2003

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, OPPOSING STATEWIDE BALLOT REFERENDUM “A”.

WHEREAS, the State Election on November 4, 2003, will include Referendum “A”, a measure that would authorize up to \$2 Billion in State funds for as yet unspecified water storage and diversion projects; and

WHEREAS, Referendum A seeks a “blank check” for unspecified water projects, providing no list of projects that will actually be constructed under its authority, or any indication of who the beneficiaries might be or how and by whom, the projects will be prioritized, and

WHEREAS, Referendum A would authorize up to \$2 Billion in State funds, at a time when the State is experiencing budget deficits and budget cuts in valuable health and safety services to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Gunnison River Basin, provides not only the citizens with a pristine environment but also provides tourism-based economic stability to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mission Statement of the City of Gunnison, adopted by City Council on March 10, 1992, states “the City, as representatives of the people, will strive to conduct our affairs and plan our growth in a manner that respects our environment and preserves our community as our home”, charges the City Council to act as good stewards for our environment, an environment that could experience drastic change should water storage and diversion projects be undertaken in the Upper Gunnison River Basin;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado believes that opposition to Referendum “A” in its current form is in the best interests of the health, safety and general well being of the residents of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, THAT:

The City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, is opposed to Referendum “A” as offered on the November 4, 2003, State of Colorado election ballot; and

The City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, encourages the voters to vote “No” on Referendum “A”.

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Gunnison, Colorado, held this 14th day of October, 2003.

Mayor

Mayor Pro Tem

Councilmember

Councilmember

Councilmember

(SEAL)

City Clerk